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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION ADDIS ABABA INFO ASMAR FEB 02 75 FROM SECSTATE

QUOTE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AEMR, PINS, ET

SUBJECT: ERITREAN SITUATION

REF: ADDIS ABABA 1257

1. IF THERE SHOULD NOT BE AN EARLY LULL IN FIGHTING PERMITTING ROUTINE EVACUATION OF DEPENDENTS, DEPT DESIRES EMBASSY'S VIEWS AS TO HOW BEST ANY EVACUATION CAN BE EFFECTED.

2. TWO POSSIBLE COURSES, AS WE SEE THEM, ARE AIR EVACUATION DIRECT FROM ASMARA AIRPORT (VIA COMMERCIAL CHARTER OR MILITARY PLANE) OR EVACUATION BY SEA FROM MASSAWA, WHICH WOULD INVOLVE GETTING PERSONS TO THAT CITY EITHER BY AIR OR SURFACE.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY ASCERTAIN FROM EPMG SOONEST WHETHER ETHIOPIAN MILITARY IN ASMARA CAN SECURE AIRPORT AND ROAD TO AIRPORT IN ORDER TO PERMIT SAFE EVACUATION OF U.S. NATIONALS IF AND WHEN DECISION MADE TO DO SO. ALTERNATIVELY,

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CAN SECURITY BE SIMILARLY GUARANTEED IF NATIONALS WERE TO

PROCEED TO MASSAWA VIA AIR OR SURFACE?

4. DEPT REQUESTS YOUR EARLIEST COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
THIS SUBJECT AFTER YOUR CONSULTATIONS WITH CONGEN ASMARA.
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